

REMARKS

Claims 7-9 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 9-11 of U.S. Patent No. 7,387,141 in view of Serban (RO 115859) and Clydesdale (US 1,269,388). A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith to overcome the rejection and expedite prosecution. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of the application, or that outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely, it is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

Respectfully submitted,

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